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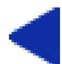
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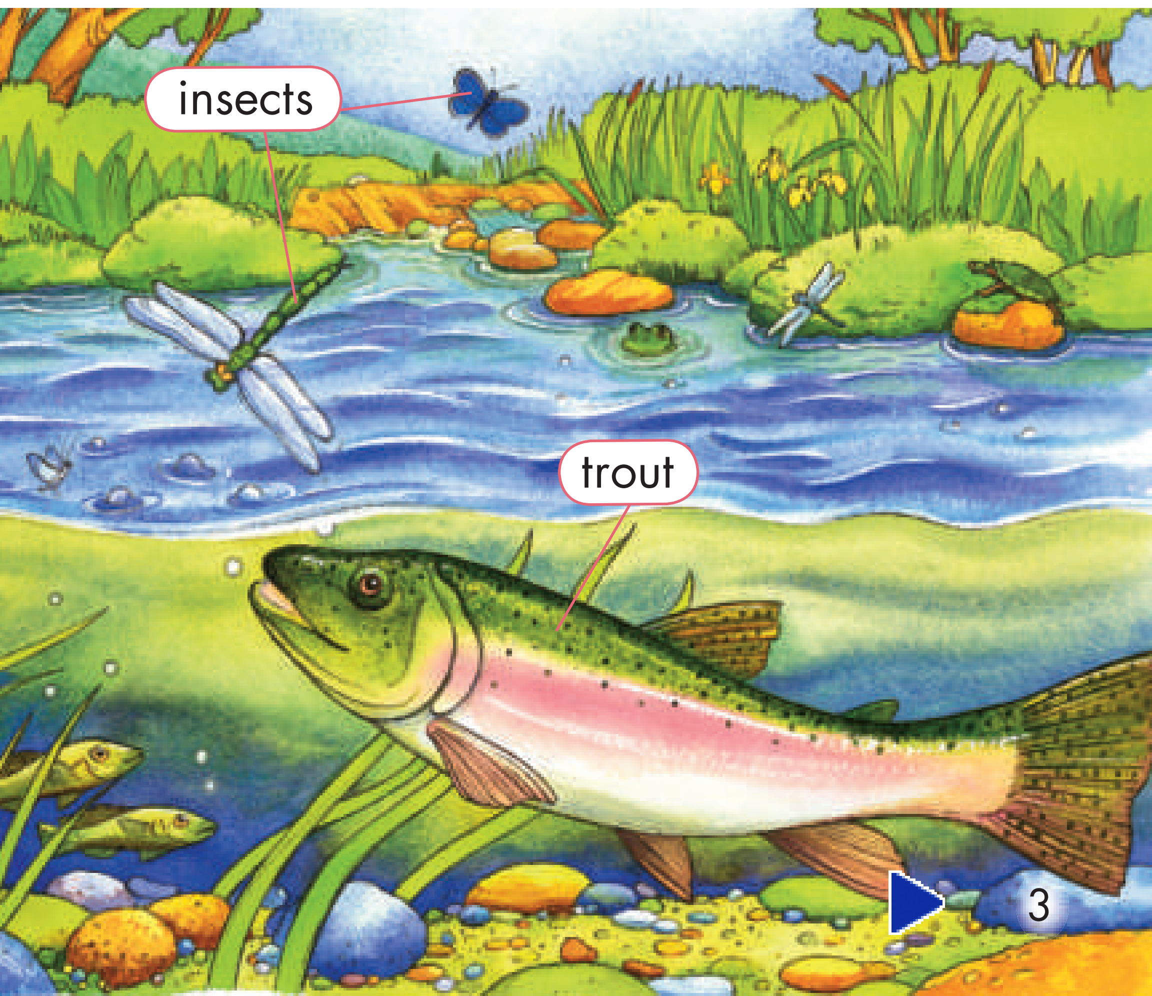


There is a river in the woods. This river is our home. Some of us were born here. Others came here to make new homes.





I am a kind of fish called a trout. I was born in this river. I swim in the river to find food. I eat insects that live near the water. This river is my home.

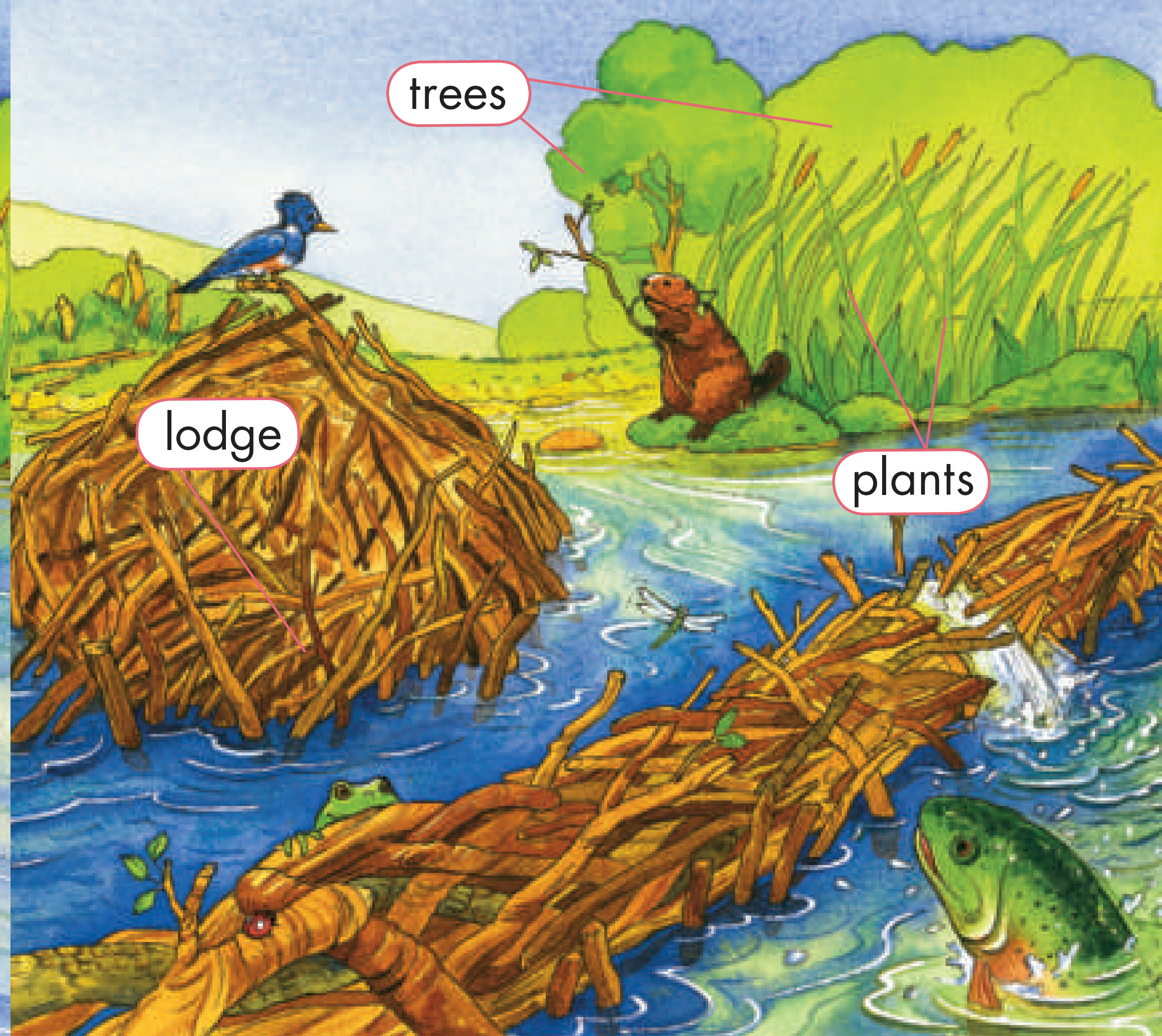






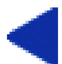


I am a beaver. I came to this river to build my home. I had to pick a good place to build. I fetched sticks and used mud to make my home in the river. My home is called a *lodge.*





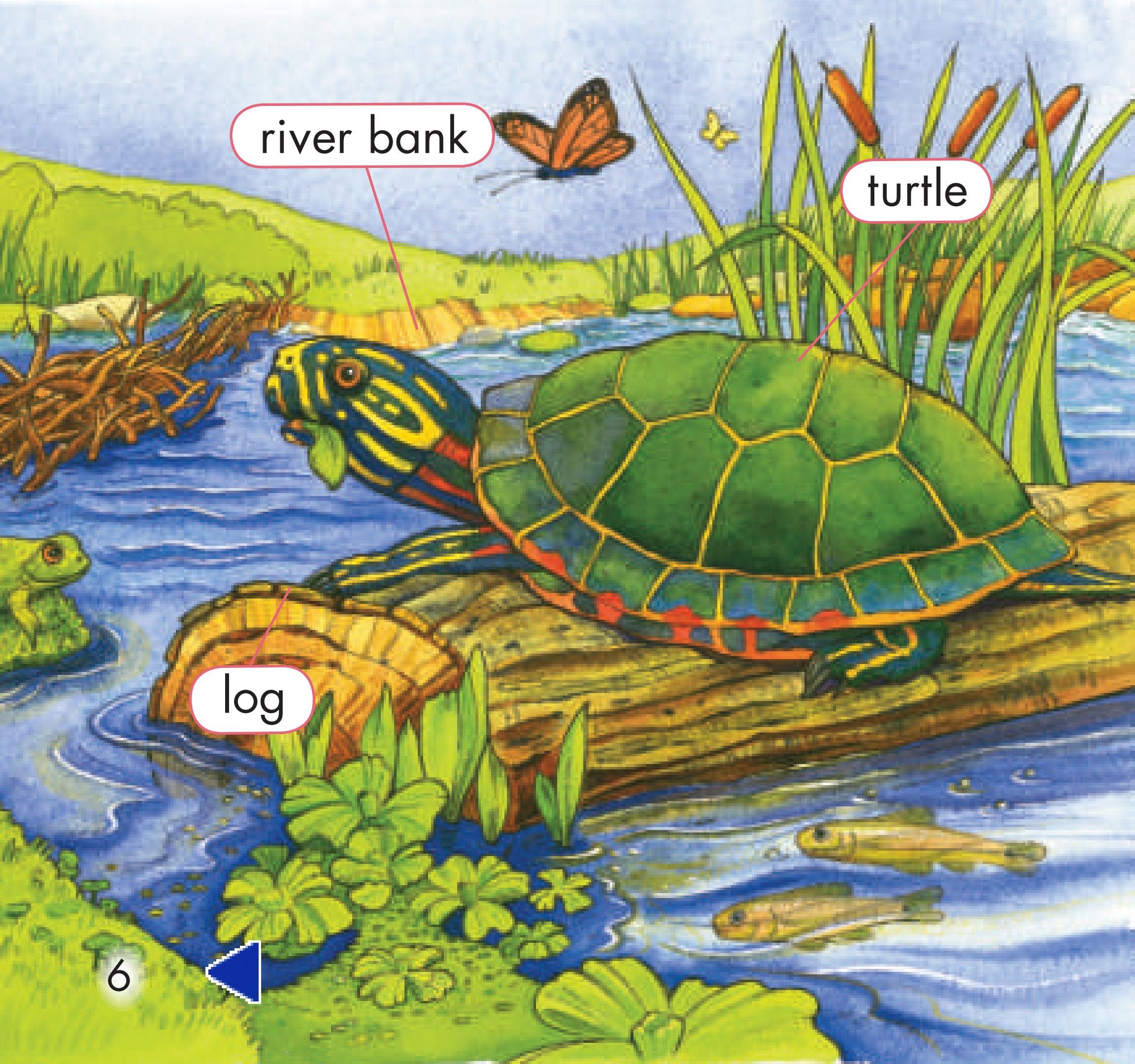
Now I sleep inside the lodge. I swim in the water. I eat plants and bark from trees that grow on the river bank. This river is my home.







I am a turtle. I was born on this river bank. The bank is the ground that borders the river. I hatched from an egg. I find food on the river bank and in the water. I rest on a log in the sun. This river is my home.





I am a robin. I hatched from an egg. I made my nest out of sticks and grass. Now my nest holds three eggs. My babies will hatch here in the springtime. This river will be our home.





Other animals share our river. Some live in the river. Some live near the river. This river is their home, too.







Talk About It

1. Why do the animals call the river their home?
2. A beaver and a robin built their homes at the river. What were their homes made of?

Write About It

3. What other animals besides trout, beavers, and turtles live in or near rivers? Write about one kind of animal on a separate sheet of paper.

Extend Language

Springtime is another way to say *spring,* a time or season of the year. What compound word similar to *springtime* can you make for the *summer* season?

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